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- 1. During the past two weeks, USIA headquarters has been negotiating with the former owners of the UCIA-controlled branch of A. Porr A.G. for the release of this branch on condition that USIA receive payment of 500,000 schillings every three months for an indefinite period. An offer by the Porr owners of 200,000 schillings quarterly has been tentatively accepted.*
- 2. Several days ago, USIA headquarters added the stipulation that Porr A.G. retain the Soviet general manager, who was to receive a salary, a vehicle, and a percentage of Porr A.G.'s profits.** Negotiations are now at a standstill.
- Comment: Some question as to the authenticity of this information 25X1A* is suggested since forty-nine per cent of A. Porr A.G. is non-UCIA and it seems unlikely that the Porr owners would offer to pay USIA 800,000 25X1A schillings annually for an indefinite period. See also reported an offer by USIA to lease the USIA-controlled brach of Porr A.G. for 200,000 schillings per month.

25X1A ** Comment: These USIA terms, if accurate, may indicate of Soviet demands when releasing USIA firms to former owners

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